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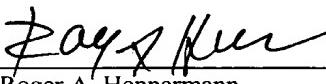
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Sir:

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While the DeltaV Manual cited herein is dated after the filing date of this application, many features described in this manual were present in the DeltaV system that was on sale and in use prior to the filing date of this application.

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